market are turned to account as far as possible." May I know under what receipt head the item is included ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The receipts on account of sale of timber.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I remind the member that he told me a little while ago that it did not include the value of portions of logs sawn away ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I was then referring to absolutely useless chips which are, of course, thrown away ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Under what item of receipts do they include the value of useful portions of timber sawn away ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Under the receipts on account of sale of timber

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Is the member aware that there are in the forests large quantities of such timber lying without being sold or utilised ?

PRESIDENT : That is not a supplementary question.

Vacancies of clerks' post in the Women's branch of the Education Department.

333. **MRS. ANNA CHANDI** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of vacancies of clerks' posts that arose in the Women's branch of the Education Department since Karkatakam 1106 ; and

(*b*) the number of ladies appointed to fill these vacancies ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 10.

(*b*) 5.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : May I know where these vacancies occurred ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no information.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : May I know why five of them were filled up by men ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Apparently, the Assistant Inspectresses or Inspectress preferred men.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : May I know whether qualified women had applied ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no information.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : May I remind the member of the answer given to me by the Director of Public Instruction to a question put by me at the last session, to the effect that there is a women's branch of the department and all vacancies there would be filled by women ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I do not remember.

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MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : The Director told me that, as there is a women's branch of the department where all vacancies would be filled by women, I need not worry about other departments.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As far as possible, women alone are being appointed in the women's branch.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : Have not the Government accepted it as a principle that all vacancies in the women's branch would be filled up only by qualified women?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government cannot lay it down as an absolute rule that *all* vacancies in the women's branch would be filled up by women.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : What is the rule that they have laid down in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No rule has been laid down.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : Will they be pleased to pay more attention to the question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As far as possible, women will be appointed in the women's branch.

Selection of students for admission to the Madras Medical College.

334. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applicants for admission to the Madras Medical College ;

(*b*) the principle on which selection was made for admission ; and

(*c*) whether the Administrative Board, Medical Services, was the authority which selected the candidates?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 79.

(*b*) The best among the applicants were selected. Six candidates were selected, 4 males and 2 females. Of the male candidates, one is a 1st class graduate, two are Intermediates first class and the fourth is also an Intermediate who has obtained high marks in Physics and Chemistry together. Both the female candidates are Intermediates who obtained the highest marks among the applicants in Physics and Chemistry together.

(*c*) No ; Government made the final selection.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : May I know the number of graduate applicants among the 79 who had applied for admission to the Medical College?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Twenty-one, if I remember right.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Of these, the first class graduates alone have been selected. May I take it that the other twenty graduates have been refused admission?

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